## IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Original). A method comprising:

handling the system-wide state of a wireless device through the host controller interface firmware; and

handling the state of each link with the device through the link manager firmware.

- 2 (Original). The method of claim 1 including initiating communications with connection and link management.
- 3 (Original). The method of claim 1 including establishing a connection between the device and an end point.
- 4 (Original). The method of claim 3 including handling baseband handshaking through the host controller interface firmware.
- 5 (Original). The method of claim 3 including handling logical link connection through the link manager firmware.
- 6 (Original). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

handle the system-wide state of a wireless device through the host controller interface firmware; and

handle the state of each link with the device through the link manager firmware.

- 7 (Original). The article of claim 6 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to initiate communications with connection and link management.
- 8 (Original). The article of claim 6 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to establish a connection between the device and an end point.

- 9 (Original). The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to handle baseband handshaking through the host controller interface firmware.
- 10 (Original). The article of claim 8 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to handle logical link connection through the link manager firmware.
  - 11 (Original). A wireless system comprising:

a processor; and

to:

a storage coupled to said processor storing instructions that enable the processor

handle the system-wide state of the system through the host controller interface firmware; and

handle the state of each link with the system through the link manager firmware.

- 12 (Original). The system of claim 11 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to initiate communications with connection and link management.
- 13 (Original). The system of claim 11 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to establish a connection between the system and a remote end point.
- 14 (Original). The system of claim 13 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to handle baseband handshaking through the host controller interface firmware.
- 15 (Original). The system of claim 13 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to handle logical link connection through the link manager firmware.